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SUBJECT: NATO BRIEFING ON BERLIN ACCESS

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1. EMBASSY WOULD PREFER TO HOLD OFF ON BRIEFING OF NAC OR SPC UNTIL BONN GROUP HAS HAD A FURTHER CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE TRAFFIC DIFFICULTIES OF LAST WEEKEND CREATED BY THE GDR. THE BRIEFING COULD TAKE THE FORM OF DESCRIBING WHAT THE DIFFICULTIES WERE, AND GIVING THE BONN GROUP ASSESSMENT OF THEM. ANY SUCH BRIEFING WOULD ALSO HAVE TO PROVIDE AN EVALUATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GDR ACTIONS REPRESENTED A VIOLATION OF THE BERLIN AGREEMENT AND INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT TRAFFIC AGREEMENT. THE BONN GROUP WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS PARTICULAR MATTER IN
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

2. ONE POINT WHICH SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND IS THE EXTREME FRG SENSITIVITY TO THE GAUS/NIER DISCUSSIONS OF JANUARY 15-16. NONE OF THIS CONVERSATION HAS LEAKED TO THE PRESS, AND THE GERMAN CHANCELLERY WISHES TO MAINTAIN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENTIALITY CONCERNING IT. SINCE IT WAS PRECISELY THE GAUS/NIER DISCUSSION THAT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE IN MOSCOW, WE MAY FIND THE FRG EXTREMELY UNWILLING TO AIR THE MATTER BEYOND THE PRESENT WESTERN QUADRIPARTITE FORUM.

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT CONSIDERATION OF NATO BRIEFING BE HELD OFF UNTIL THE BONN GROUP HAS HAD A CHANCE TO ANALYZE EVENTS OF LAST WEEK, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION THAT MAY BE FORTHCOMING FROM PRESENT GAUS/NIER TALKS NOW UNDERWAY IN EAST BERLIN.
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